

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).— There has been.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).— Who was the Commissioner then?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).— I cannot answer off-hand.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).— Am I to take it that the Hon'ble Member requires notice to say whether it was during his time or not?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).— If the question is whether it took place when I was the Commissioner, I can say that it was not in my time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).— Can the Member say in which year it took place?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).— I want notice.

Outpost—Pazhanji—opening of.

135. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty (*Pazhanji*).— Will the Government be pleased to state whether an outpost can be put up in Pazhanji?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).— There is no necessity for an outpost at the place now.

Central Jail—Trichur—accommodation in.

136. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).— Will Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of rooms in the Central Jail, Trichur, fit to accommodate prisoners;

(b) the total number of prisoners in the Central Jail at present;

(c) is it a fact that more than one prisoner is locked up in one and the same room;

(d) if so, in how many rooms?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(a) (i) 120 cells in 4 blocks to accommodate 160 prisoners;

- (ii) 7 cells in the Female block to accommodate 14 prisoners;
- (iii) 3 wards in the Hospital to accommodate 18 prisoners;
- (iv) 3 wards in quarantine shed to accommodate 26 prisoners;
- (v) 4 wards in the Civil block to accommodate 16 prisoners;

Total 127 cells, and 10 wards for 234 prisoners.

(b) The number of prisoners on 4th Vrischigam 1112 was 241.

(c) Yes.

(d) In 71 cells.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know where these seven prisoners over and above the 234 are kept?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—More than one prisoner is accommodated in some rooms.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad.*).—Are three prisoners locked up in the same cell?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Sometimes, according to the space in the rooms. In one or two cases, there might be.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Is it not undesirable to lock up more than one prisoner in the same cell?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—It is certainly undesirable. The fact that there is want of accommodation was brought to the notice of Government by the Honorary Visitors of the Jail. But the difficulty is that certain rooms are now used as store rooms for keeping the Jail products, etc. The construction of separate store rooms is already engaging the attention of Government and the necessary funds will be included in the next year's budget. Another factor is the increase in the number of prisoners during the last two or three years.

Income-tax — Application for refund of excess collected.

137. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** (*Cheruviruthi*).—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—